

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

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A GREAT CORNER ON WHEAT

The Big Pool of St. Louis Operators Again at Work.

THEIR PHENOMENAL SUCCESS

Sold to Control 8,000,000 of the 15,000,000 Bushels of September Wheat Available—Although the Rise Is Not a Month Old the Price Has Gone Up 15 Cents.

St. Louis, July 30.—The big pool of St. Louis grain operators, whose successful manipulation of the wheat market last year attracted general attention, is again in evidence. As before, David R. Francis, former Secretary of the Treasury, is at the helm.

The pool is said to control 8,000,000 of the 15,000,000 bushels of September wheat available. This combination held the wheat market up 30 cents between last August and January, and realized large fortunes for the members. This year, although the rise is not a month old, the price has advanced 15 cents. So far the St. Louis men have had everything their own way. The St. Louis people are in the market as bulls and for the last four weeks have been doing extensive buying, but in such a quiet way that it has been only within a few days that outside markets have begun to realize the full significance of their actions.

The operators evidently have an aversion to the word "pool" and there are no speculators who admit their connection with anything so vulgar of a combination. However, they do not hesitate to say they are working together and "pulling" the market.

They say that in last year's phenomenal rise they were not bound by contract or pool, in the common acceptance of the term, but they simply worked together along a single line of operations, realizing that in so doing their interests were generally subserved. Those interested in the present deal are: The D. R. Francis Commodity Company, the Charles F. Orthwein Grain Company, the C. B. Spencer Grain and Elevator Company, the E. B. White Grain Company, W. L. Groff Commodity Company, S. W. Cobb & Company, and W. T. Hancock & Company.

The visible wheat supply of the United States is now 15,000,000 bushels, and a member of one of the firms mentioned above said today that the St. Louis dealers now control 8,000,000 bushels. The effect of the deal has been making itself felt ever since July 1.

Today's sales of wheat reached 1,830,000 bushels, of which 1,500,000 bushels were September wheat.

What will be the result of the present pool even the shrewdest broker is unable to say. Last year's deal was started in August, and the price was then about 10 cents lower than the price at which the wheat began this year. The deal ended with final settlements in January. Wheat started at 53 1/4 c. and sold up to 65 3/4 c.

It was estimated that the St. Louis pool made \$5,000,000 out of its operations. To duplicate this performance wheat will have to reach 95 3/4 c. The only thing that can balk the pool's plan is for the new crops to come in before the covered bill of high prices is reached.

A HOTEL MANAGER MURDERED.

Terrible Revenge of a Walter Discharged for Pilfering.

New York, July 30.—Ignatz Hertz, manager of the Hotel Vienna, at 89 Second avenue, was so severely cut and stabbed by Carl Thiel, a waiter, at an early hour this morning, that he died soon afterward. Thiel escaped. Hertz's stomach was literally ripped open with a butcher knife. Hertz had discharged the waiter for pilfering petty cash and had also given Thiel a good drubbing for an angry revolt. Thiel then grabbed the knife and fatally cut Hertz.

Miners Arrested for Trespass.

Washington, July 30.—The first conflict between the law and the striking miners at McGovern took place yesterday, when John McManus, Tom Hayes and Ted and Andrew Savage were charged with trespassing on the McGovern mine property in contempt of an injunction. They were put under bail to answer on Monday.

British Ship Founders.

London, July 30.—A dispatch from Auckland, N. Z., reports the loss of the British ship *Tasmania*. The vessel ran upon sunken rocks off Cape Maria and stove her side so badly that she soon foundered. All hands were saved. The *Tasmania* was a four-masted iron ship of 2,563 tons and hailed from Glasgow.

Damage by the Elizabeth Flood.

Elizabeth, N. J., July 30.—The clearing up of the wreckage caused by the flood of Wednesday night is rapidly progressing. The loss to stock and buildings is greater than first estimated.

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\$15.00 Suits for \$10.00.	\$20.00 Suits for \$13.33.
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STRUGGLE AT MALAKAND.

Another Assault on the Camp by Native Rebels.

London, July 30.—Dispatches from Strid tell of another attack last night on Camp Malakand by the rebellious natives. The British had one man killed and seventeen wounded, but the loss of the natives was very heavy.

A SENSATIONAL STATEMENT

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Pittsburg, July 30.—The fact that some coal operators are making large profits out of the present strike of the miners and that the strike is proving far more profitable to them than if it had not occurred has led to charges that the strike was forced by certain operators for their own pecuniary advantage.

A WRECK ON THE BIG FOUR

Passenger Train From Chicago De railed and Four Persons Killed.

Evidence That the Disaster Was Deliberately Brought About by Unknown Parties.

Indianapolis, July 30.—The night express from Chicago over the Big Four Railroad was wrecked near Thorntown, Ind., at about 4 o'clock this morning. Four persons were killed. The dead are: Engineer Winslow, of Indianapolis; Fireman Crenshaw, of Indianapolis; Two trainmen, names unknown.

No other person on the train was injured, although both coal cars were derailed and badly wrecked. A colored tramp who was riding on the tracks of one of the mail cars had a miraculous escape. The car jumped the track and shot up the main street of the village of Thorntown at a terrific rate. He clung to the trucks and when the car overturned he came out on top safely.

The train had passed Thorntown, a small place about 50 miles west of this city, and was running at a high rate of speed when the locomotive jumped the track and overturned. The mail cars which followed it were badly smashed.

Wilson, the engineer, and his fireman were mangled to death beneath the locomotive. An investigation was at once made as to the cause of the wreck. It was found that the locomotive had jumped the track at a frog. A coupling pin was found in the frog.

There is little doubt but that this pin was deliberately placed there with the purpose of wrecking the train. There is no clue to the wreckers, but the railroad detectives are already hard at work to run down the miscreants.

Charles Crenshaw and Henry Piche, of Cleveland, were badly scalded and can hardly recover. Several other passengers were injured, but not seriously. A woman was transformed into a temporary hospital and all of the injured were promptly cared for.

TAX ON KLONDIKE MINERS

Canadian Government May Have the Right to Impose It.

The Interior Department Without Special Jurisdiction Until Congress Acts.

Legal authorities of the Interior Department were asked yesterday what the United States can or will probably do if the Canadian government carries out the threat to tax the miners in the Klondike gold regions. It was learned that, in view of the fact that Alaska has as yet no well defined mineral land laws, the Interior Department is not likely to have any jurisdiction until Congress extends the scope, and just now would hardly be able to keep matters straight, even on our own side of the line. As to the mines beyond the line and the power of the Canadians to levy royalties and to impose taxes, the State Department will have to adjust any disputes that may arise.

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THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Foreign Control of Greek Finances to Be Established.

Constantinople, July 30.—Interest in the peace negotiations for days past has centered in Germany's proposal for the establishment of foreign control of the Greek finances. There has been much speculation and many conflicting statements as to whether the powers would concur in the plan. The ambassadors have now received definite instructions to adhere to the German proposal.

A CASE FOR THE HANGMAN.

Drunken Man Annihilates Himself by Shooting Little Children.

Perry, O. T., July 30.—Ben Vaughn, a young man twenty years of age, may be reached here tonight for shooting a Sunday-school child and several Sunday-school children this evening. Vaughn, while drunk, went into the park grounds, where 500 Sunday-school children were picnicking and began shooting at them. Half a dozen children were hit. Vaughn is now in jail, but an indictment may be string him up before morning.